Boston, May 25, 1836.

My dear Helen:

20 In the midst of great confusion of mind, arising from seeing, and talking, and acting with a host of anti-slavery men and women from various parts of New-England, I seize a moment to reply to your affectionate and interesting letter, which was yesterday put into my hands, at noon, by a friend from Providence.

[Of our Convention, I am prepared to speak in the most animating language. Thus far, its proceedings have been spirited and harmonious, and refreshing beyond measure. On Monday afternoon, as many of the delegates as had arrived in the city assembled in our Anti-Slavery Hall, for the transaction of business. On Tuesday morning, (yesterday,) the Convention was held in the Rev. Mr. Blagden's meeting-house in Salem-street, at 10 o'clock. The spacious and beautiful house was crowded. [Gen. Fessenden, of Portland, was chosen President, and made a most excellent, though brief, introductory speech. From 400 to 500 delegates were in attendance, every State in New-England being represented; and such a body of men, ay, and women too, — for women had come from various quarters, — it is seldom are brought together on any occasion.] They show, by their carriage and actions, that they constitute the moral élite of the land of the pilgrims. Mr. Hallett, in his Daily Advocate, remarks, that the liberties of a nation cannot be otherwise than safe in the hands of such men and such women — a panegyric well bestowed, and of some value at this moment. [We have had four great meetings, without the slightest disturbance, and many speakers, and many good, and some very thrilling speeches. Among the speakers have been Charles Stuart, George Bourne, Elizur Wright, H. B. Stanton, Rev. T. S. Wright of New-York, (our colored friend,) Rev. Mr. Wright of Boston, Rev. Mr. Fitch of Hartford, Rev. Mr. Root of Dover, Rev. Mr. Thurston of Maine, Gen. Appleton, S. J. May, Rev. Mr. Grosvenor, C. C. Burleigh, Rev. Mr. Milligan of Vermont, Rev. Messrs. Peckham and Hill of Haverhill, Rev. C. S. Murray of Vt. &c. &c. &c.

I have studiously shunned taking any part in the meetings, although earnestly entreated to speak, but wishing to stand in the back ground. You know my repugnance to speaking in public; and, happily, we have now so much talent enlisted on our side, that I am actually needed no more than a fifth wheel to a coach, that is, for speech-making. Besides, I am an old hack in the cause, and as a new broom sweeps clean, it is better to let some of our new converts have a chance. Stanton has reflected great credit upon himself and his cause by his eloquent speeches; Burleigh has attracted attention as usual, first, by his peculiar external appearance, and secondly, by an excellent speech; Mr. May has acquitted himself unusually well; and our colored brother Wright has won golden opinions of all his listeners. The Convention has resolved to raise the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars during the present year, of which nearly Eight Thousand are already pledged! Our Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society has set a noble example of self-denial and liberality, having pledged itself, small and feeble and poor as it is, to raise One Thousand Dollars! O, Woman's heart, when properly affected, is large and full as the ocean — nay, the ocean has its limits, but her heart has none. Ah! how little is she appreciated in our world! But she is rising to the highest summit of human respect and excellence, and this is a struggle for her redemption. You will not suspect me of flattery, because I am your husband — and because I hope you are ready to testify, that my admiration is sincere.

The Convention will hold two more meetings to-morrow, and then adjourn. The New-Hampshire delegates are pressing me most earnestly to attend their meeting at Concord next week, and perhaps I shall be compelled to go, but I really do not feel well enough to do so, though not positively sick, and mean to decline on this ground. Great will be the disappointment if I do not go — very great.

I have just received a long and cheering letter from George Thompson, which was yesterday read to the Convention,

and produced a thrilling sensation. Mr. T. says that he is overwhelmed with kindnesses, and that his course in this country has been unequivocally approved. Dr. Cox has been compelled to hide his diminished head. T. says, moreover, that our dear babe, with such a name as he has got, must really be a double dipped fanatic — George Thompson Garrison!! He is soon to have another addition to his family. His little American boy is still living, but in feeble health. He has also written a letter to Rev. Henry, in which he wishes to be kindly and gratefully remembered to all the household in Friendship's Valley. You will see these letters in the next Liberator.

Stanton, Bourne and Stuart are going to Newburyport to attend the annual meeting of the Essex County Society on Tuesday. As that is my native place, I hope they will not be sparing of gospel thunder and lightning. From thence, they will go to Concord.

What arrangements I shall make relative to the Liberator, and my continuance here, I cannot tell now, as I have had no time to consult either friend Knapp or the Board on the subject. However, all desire me to remain here, and will hardly excuse my absence again. If you were in Boston with the dear babe, I should readily submit to their request — but I find separation to be very painful. It is the intention of the Board to raise my salary to $1200, provided we live in the city, so Bro. May says. This will be a liberal support.

My nose looks outwardly very well, but is no better internally. I have not yet got rid of my New-York cold, though my hoarseness is measurably gone, and at night I cough a little. Otherwise, I am tolerably well. The weather has been very unpropitious for a few days past, especially to those who are affected, like myself, with a catarrhal complaint. I am extremely anxious to get back to Brooklyn, to be as quiet as possible for awhile, but do not expect to see you till the close of next week, and perhaps not till the week after. This will seem a long time to me and to you.

Mrs. May desires me to say, that she does not care about taking Mrs. Williams' daughter on the condition you specify. She sends her love to you and the family, and hopes to see you soon. You can then compose your babes.

Say to sister Mary, that Effingham L. Capron and his lady are attending our Convention, and I have had several pleasant interviews with them. They fully expect to see Mary and myself and wife and child, in the course of the summer, at their house. She is a lovely woman, and he a most excellent man.

Single.

Mrs. Helen E. Garrison,

Brooklyn,

Connecticut.

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I am stopping at Miss Parker's. This is certainly the paragon of boarding-houses. Every thing is as quiet and orderly as in the country. I am persuaded, no other place in the city would please us so well. But we may not be so lucky as to get in here in the fall.

Many are the inquiries after you and the sweet babe, but not so many as are my thoughts. These wing their way to you constantly. May we be sweetly resigned to the will of Heaven, and be ready for every vicissitude and allotment of life! Press the boy to your bosom and kiss him often for his absent father's sake — and remember me in love to all the dear family — and believe me now, as hitherto,

Your faithful and loving husband,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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